



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CIRCULATION OF NOMINATING
PETITIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-453e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3 *applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said date*):

4 Each circulator of a nominating petition page shall be a United
5 States citizen [,] and at least eighteen years of age [and a resident of a
6 town in this state] and shall not be on parole for conviction of a felony.
7 Any individual proposed as a candidate in any nominating petition
8 may serve as circulator of the pages of such nominating petition.

9 Sec. 2. Section 9-453j of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
11 *applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said date*):

12 Each page of a nominating petition submitted to the town clerk or
13 the Secretary of the State and filed with the Secretary of the State under

14 the provisions of sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, or section 9-216
15 shall contain a statement as to the [residency in this state and]
16 eligibility of the circulator and authenticity of the signatures [thereon]
17 on the nominating petition, signed under [penalties] penalty of false
18 statement, by the person who circulated the [same] nominating
19 petition. Such statement shall set forth (1) such circulator's residence
20 address, [including the town in this state in which such circulator is a
21 resident,] (2) the circulator's date of birth and that the circulator is at
22 least eighteen years of age, (3) that the circulator is a United States
23 citizen and not on parole for conviction of a felony, [and] (4) that each
24 person whose name appears on such page signed the same in person
25 in the presence of [such] the circulator and that either the circulator
26 knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified
27 himself or herself to the circulator, and (5) that the circulator agrees to
28 submit to the jurisdiction of this state in any case or controversy
29 arising out of or related to the circulation of a nominating petition
30 pursuant to this subpart. Any false statement committed with respect
31 to such statement shall be deemed to have been committed in the town
32 in which the petition was circulated.

33 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-453k of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
35 *passage and applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said*
36 *date*):

37 (a) The town clerk or Secretary of the State shall not accept any page
38 of a nominating petition unless the circulator thereof has signed before
39 him or an appropriate person as provided in section 1-29 [.] the
40 statement as to the [residency in this state and] eligibility of the
41 circulator and authenticity of the signatures [thereon] on the
42 nominating petition required by section 9-453j, as amended by this act.

43 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-453o of the general statutes is
44 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
45 *passage and applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said*

46 date):

47 (a) The Secretary of the State may not count for purposes of
 48 determining compliance with the number of signatures required by
 49 section 9-453d the signatures certified by the town clerk on any
 50 petition page filed under sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, or 9-216
 51 if: (1) The name of the candidate, [his] the candidate's address or the
 52 party designation, if any, has been omitted from the face of the
 53 petition; (2) the page does not contain a statement by the circulator as
 54 to the [residency in this state and] eligibility of the circulator and
 55 authenticity of the signatures thereon as required by section 9-453j, as
 56 amended by this act, or upon which such statement of the circulator is
 57 incomplete in any respect; or (3) the page does not contain the
 58 certifications required by sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, by the
 59 town clerk of the town in which the signers reside. The town clerk
 60 shall cure any omission on [his] the town clerk's part by signing any
 61 such page at the office of the Secretary of the State and making the
 62 necessary amendment or by filing a separate statement in this regard,
 63 which amendment shall be dated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said date</i>	9-453e
Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said date</i>	9-453j
Sec. 3	<i>from passage and applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said date</i>	9-453k(a)

Sec. 4	<i>from passage and applicable to nominating petitions circulated on or after said date</i>	9-453o(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the requirement that circulators of nominating petitions be residents of this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]